

C H I C A G O C O I N C L U B C H A T T E R

THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8 P.M.
MARCH 10TH MEETING IN THE PLAZA ROOM (2ND FLOOR SOUTH) PICK-CONGRESS HOTEL
SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE. AT CONGRESS, CHICAGO

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555TH MEETING

MARCH 10, 1965

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To say that February was a hectic month is putting it mildly. The C.S.N.S. Convention Chairmen held a full blown meeting to finalize plans on running our upcoming show. On Saturday, February 6th, both Charles Ricard and I were notified that we had been appointed by the President to the 1965 Assay Commission. Wednesday found us in Philadelphia where we had the pleasure of running our hands through lots of B.U. money. At the banquet, in the evening, we were presented with the 1965 Assay Medals. These will be exhibited at the March meeting.

We hope you will attend to see a series of color slides showing a very wet, dismal Philadelphia and some bright shining faces of the Assay Commission Members. You will recognize many by sight. Star of the show is Eva Adams, Director of the mint.

The Banquet and Entertainment Committee for the CSNS show met Wednesday, February 24th, at the Pick-Congress. You will be interested to know that we are having the famed "My Fair Lady Dinner" originally used for the banquet which marked the opening of the movie of the same name in Chicago. The cost of a ticket has been set at \$9.50 per person.

The success of any event is dependent upon its program. Dick Peterson heads the Program Committee and is looking for some associates to help. Also, a full roster of Auction Committee members are needed. We would appreciate your help.

There will be an auction at the April meeting, please bring material to the March meeting.

The program for this month's meeting will be a talk and display by Mr. Kurt Eckstein of RARCOA on "Enamled Coins and Medals."

Drawings for 2 door prizes of Canadian Spruce Wood Dollars will be held. Be sure to be with us March 10 -- you may be a winner.

PHIL MORE

NEW CCC MEMBER

We welcome Mr. Louis M. Berky of Chicago, Illinois, to membership in the Chicago Coin Club.

FEBRUARY EXHIBITORS

VERNON SHELDON: Sesquicentennial medal "Battle of New Orleans," Jan. 8, 1815 - Jan. 8, 1965 along with commemorative stamp issued for this event, showing obverse and reverse of the medal.

GARY KRUG: Four U. S. Inaugural medals.

DENNIS ANDERSON: \$1.00 of 1862; \$5 National currency series 1882 -- one brown seal and one with the blue seal; Federal Reserve \$5 notes of 1914--red seal and blue seal; \$5 note of 1907.

DICK DOMINELLI: Malta Proof Set of 1964.

MARJORIE BAKER: Brochure on National Coin Week. An album showing photographs of CCC sponsored exhibits the last time the club won the class A award for national Coin Week.

EXHIBIT APPLICATIONS FOR CENTRAL STATES CONVENTION ARE READY

All Chicago Coin Club members who are members of Central States are urged to place an exhibit in show which is to be held April 23, 4 and 5 at the Pick-Congress. Applications may be obtained from Tom Nolan, 4250 Marine Drive, Apt. 2212, Chicago, Illinois, 60613.

Members interested in becoming CSNS members may get a membership application blank from Mrs. Baker.

THIS 'N THAT

Last month slide film on U. S. Currency featured a taped narration which made for increased enjoyment, for the program moves faster and is easier to understand. Mike Dolnick was the voice on the tape. Our thanks to TOM SHAGRUE for conducting the auction last month. A nice letter from Mrs. EARL BARGER came last month ... if you didn't get a chance to read it. Mrs. Baker will have it on hand this month. Also received a very nice letter from the William Schneiders who are on an 80-day vacation tour around the world.

The January issue of the National Geographic featured a full length article on the Spanish Gold find off Florida in 1964. It is by the same man, Kip Wagner, who wrote the December Saturday Evening Post article. This one has many more details about the wreck in 1715 of the Spanish Plate Fleet, methods of exploration, and beautiful full color photographs of the pieces found. The piece is really well done--must reading for those interested in early American coins.

ATTEND THE CCC MEETING, MARCH 10!

CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHATTER

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557TH MEETING

MAY 12, 1965

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MAY MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1965

The May meeting is going to have a very difficult time following the very fine weekend of April 23-25 and the CSNS Convention, but we are making a stab at it with a very fine program. First of all, Phil More and his Convention chairmen will give a full report on the CSNS show.

Secondly, Harry X Boosel, our speaker for May, will give a paper, "Spanish American War--1873, Almost." If you remember Harry's last paper, you will know that Harry has an unusual knack for drawing mystery and excitement out of obscure clues and seemingly innocent statements. You'll enjoy this one.

May is also the time to bring your consignments for the next two auctions-- June and July. The proceeds of these two auctions will be turned over to the ANA Building Fund. Members may contribute material to either or both auctions. Members whose donations bring a total of \$10 or more (from one or both auctions) will be listed individually in the Numismatist with the amount of their donation. All donations will be acknowledged in the Chatter with the amount of the donation.

NEW MEMBERS--We welcome to the club Mr. Robert S. Pizer of Highland Park.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

Joseph D. Aristich of Chicago. He has been a collector of American coins since 1955.

APRIL EXHIBITS: HARRY BOOSEL; 3 1873 coins. GLENN SMEDLEY 5 Misc. Ill. Bank Notes. ARLIE SLABAUGH, 12 Army Canteen Script. JOHN REISEN, 1907 \$10. Gold. CHESTER PODERSKI, 2 Chinese Dollar oddities. BEN ODESSER; Metal Membership Card. HOWARD EISENBERG; CSNS Bus Tour Token and 1965 CSNS convention scrapbook. DON DOSWELL, Two coins of Korea and Japan.

A WORD ABOUT THE CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC CONVENTION:

In our minds the Convention held the weekend of April 23-25 was one of the finest shows we have ever attended. The Chairman, Phil More, the Committee Chairmen, members and workers are to be congratulated. They did a fine job, and their hard work produced a hit.

The total registration was 3,000 of which 2,300 were paid. Mr. George Hatie of Grosse Pointe, Michigan and Mr. Ray Janda of Kansas City were awarded Medals of Merit. Best of Show Award and the Paul Schilling Award went to Mr. Art Lovi of Pensacola, Florida for his fine U. S. Coins Exhibit. The Nate Gold Award for paper money was presented to Grover Criswell of Pass-A-Grille Florida.

The exhibits were very excellent, and we were amazed to see so many fine methods of presentation and display used. Until we saw Harry Flower's Award winning "Medals of J. F. Kennedy Commemorative" we had not been aware that so many fine medals were struck, particularly by other countries, to honor him.

Many Chicago Coin Club members exhibited, but because most of them were on Convention Committees of one kind or another, they were not eligible for competition. They, therefore, exhibited non-competitively.

Statistically speaking, there were 68 exhibitors and 244 cases. Awards were given in eight different classifications. A panel of 20 judges, each an expert in one or more fields, judged the exhibits.

The Educational Program on Friday night was a very fine one and well attended despite the fact that the auction was going on at the same time. We enjoyed Mrs. Clain Stefanelli's talk on the exhibit at the Smithsonian--both she and her husband have done a masterful job in displaying that fine collection.

The banquet was well attended and very enjoyable.

GEORGE FRED BROWN

Pause we must and give expression to our sorrow, an interesting life has ended. George Fred Brown, born in Delaware, Ohio, April 8, 1875, passed away April 11, 1965, at 90 years of age in Pasadena, California; interment Oakwood Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

Here was a man of gentle manners, given to intelligent understanding, and a definitive knowledge which won admiration, the respect, and the love of all of us. We of his era will find it difficult to adjust to his absence.

He joined the A.N.A. in 1917 as No. 1886, sponsored by F. J. Loer and Ted Leon; also he was a member of the Chicago Numismatic Society, A.N.A. Branch No. 1 and Charter Member No. 31, 1919, Chicago Coin Club.

He rendered many contributions to the societies which he graced, principally were his work and writings from 1917 to 1924 in Volumes 30 to 37 of the Numismatist concerning War Prison Camp Tokens and Inflationary Monies.

Retirement took him in 1941 from the Chicago City Department of Streets, a position in which an alertness and lifetime energy had occupied his daily time, and moved to California. There he retained an undiminished interest in Numismatics until death in his 90th year.

Flora M. Brown, his wife, survives him who also shared in common an admiration, interest, and love for numismatics and its society. George merits our remembrance of the pleasant memories he provided at our meetings and we now feel it appropriate that we would read to him this of the First Psalm:

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the
counsel of the ungodly
Nor standeth in the way of sinners
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful
But his delight is in the law of the Lord.

M. Vernon Sheldon

CHICAGO COIN CLUB CHARTER

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CCC Invited to Hear Newman Lecture on November 10

Just as last month, Chicago Coin Club members are invited to attend the Roosevelt University Numismatic Course Lecture at 7 P.M. at Roosevelt University. Eric P. Newman will talk on "Colonial American Paper Money." The regular meeting of the CCC will follow immediately afterwards in the Plaza Room of the Pick-Congress -- just across the street from Roosevelt U.

The regular meeting which will get underway about 8:30 will feature a paper by Arlie Slabaugh as well as some important business matters.

For those who can not get down town in time to the lecture, the Plaza Room will be open and available to members at the regular hour.

New Member

Stephen S. Kagin, Chicago, Illinois

Membership Applications

Louis Nagy, Chicago, Illinois

Andrew P. Oberbillig, Chicago, Illinois

James G. Loeter, Chicago, Illinois

October Exhibits

I. T. Kopicki -- Educational Series Notes of 1896.

Tom Nolan - Mint Medals for two lady Directors of the Mint:

Nellie Taylor and Eva Adams

Hans Schulman - Dekadrachm of Syracuse; Gold stater of Alexander

The Great; Electrum stater of Carthage; Jewish shekel,

year 3; Earliest Greek gold coin of Persia -- King

Croesus, Daric.

Nomination Committee Appointed

A committee composed of Glenn Smedley, Lee Hewitt and I. T. Kopicki was selected to nominate a slate of officers for 1966. The election of officers will be held at the December meeting. Installation of officers will be held in January, 1966.

A.N.A. Building Fund Donations

A check for \$73.30 was recently sent to the A.N.A. Building Fund. Donations were by: Fred Peterson (\$43.00), Adolph Sinkula (\$16.00), Judy Sabel (\$2.50), Harry Jacubiec (\$1.80) -- all proceeds of two auctions. Frank Zaylik \$10.00 cash donation. Members may donate the proceeds of any club auction to the Building Fund at any time they wish. With the finalization of the Colorado Building site, the A.N.A. headquarters building is very close to becoming a reality.

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THIS 'N THAT

Last month's meeting was a very enjoyable one in two ways: One Hans Schulman's lecture on Ancient Coins at Roosevelt University was a very fine one -- especially when one realizes how big a subject that is for a lecture that must run less than one hour and a half. Two - Han's talk on the club meeting about his experiences in international numismatics and his dealings with Farouk and the Egyptian Government were very interesting.

Roosevelt University has invited Chicago Coin Club members to attend lectures by Nate S. Shapero, "Odd and Curious Media of Exchange, "Dec. 1 and Amon G. Carter, Jr., "U.S. Currency, "Dec. 8. Dec. 8 is the December meeting night of the CCC. All members are urged to attend.

President Johnson announced on October 31 that the new coins would be distributed on November 1, 1965. We read somewhere that it is estimated that the old type coins would all but disappear in less than 20 months -- seems difficult to believe?

In a book called "Gold" by Gina Allen and published by Crowell, we note that the amount of gold unearthed since the beginning of time has increased. It is now stated that all the gold ever found would fill a baseball diamond shape -- 90 feet in all directions. A fifty foot cube is the most frequently read illustration. The author also states that it is believed that California still has more gold than she ever gave up, but inflation has made it impractical to mine. Interesting looking book, but the author never seems to have heard of the Georgia gold rush.

Remember the Eric Newman Lecture at Roosevelt U. on November 10
at 7 P. M.

The November meeting follows in Plaza Room of Pick-Congress